

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1922.

The Board of Public Works met at the office of the Governor in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Thursday, September 28th, 1922.

Present:-

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor,  
William S. Gordy, Jr. Comptroller,  
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

The minutes of the meeting of August 10th were read and approved.

The following letter was submitted to the Board:-

STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

September 27th, 1922.

Board of Public Works,  
Union Trust Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

I hereby tender to you my resignation as State Insurance Commissioner of Maryland, with the request that it be accepted to take effect as of September 28th, 1922.

The affairs of the State Insurance Department are in proper condition to be delivered over at any time to whomever you may designate as my successor in office.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Thos. J. Keating,

Insurance Commissioner.

It was resolved that the resignation of Thomas J. Keating as Insurance Commissioner of Maryland be accepted.

On motion of the Governor, Hon. Harvey L. Cooper, of Denton, Caroline County, Maryland, was unanimously elected to succeed Mr. Keating.

The Treasurer informed the Board that he had in his custody a safe and ledger used by the Treasurer before the Revolution, and that, in his opinion, the safe and ledger ought to be turned over to the Maryland Historical Society where interested people could have an opportunity to examine it. The Board authorized the Treasurer to make whatever disposition of the safe and ledger he deemed advisable.

The Board considered the following letter:-

STATE BOARD OF PRISON CONTROL,  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

September 27, 1922.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie,  
Hon. John M. Dennis,  
Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., constitut-  
ing The Board of Public Works  
Union Trust Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Under the provisions of Chapter 464 of the Acts of 1922 certain of the cash proceeds of the bonds therein authorized are to be turned over by your Board to the State Board of Prison Control for the Maryland Penitentiary. These items are as follows:

Remodeling "G" Dormitory -----	\$25,000
Printing presses and equipment -----	42,000
Shoe shop equipment -----	6,000
Automobile sign and tag plant and equipment -----	52,000

Total ..... \$125,000

This sum is to be paid \$105,000 from the issue of August 15, 1922 and \$20,000 from the issue of February 15, 1923.

There is a further provision that in case any balance remains to the credit of the institution after the completion of any of the purposes specified then such institution may spend such balance upon any building, construction or equipment purpose, which may be approved by you.

We have been engaged during the past six months in arranging for the expenditure of this money for the purposes for which it was appropriated. The first proposition was naturally the remodeling of "G" Dormitory in order to provide a place for the starting of the State use plants. We had the plans prepared by Theodore W. Pietsch, our Architect, and asked for bids. The lowest bid we got was \$28,980.00 and we were obliged to add some additional amounts to this bid for window bars and for supports for the floors, which we afterwards found to be necessary, and this brought the total amount up to \$31,750.00 exclusive of the Architect's fee and exclusive of the plumbing, heating and fixtures, which, however, we expect to do ourselves. This was the lowest possible price we could get for doing the work and most of the bids were much higher. As a result, we have awarded this contract to the West Construction Company for \$31,750.00, and in addition to this there will be an Architect's commission of \$1905.00 or a total of \$33,655.00 for remodeling "G" Dormitory as against \$25,000 appropriated.

On the other hand, on the printing presses and equipment we have after numerous hearings, and bids and propositions have been examined, awarded the contracts for the various parts to the following firms:

Hamilton R. Marsh Company -----	\$ 1,650.45
American Type Founders Company -----	12,692.25
American Type Founders Company -----	1,473.82
Lanston Monotype Machine Company ---	7,373.27
Miehle Printing Press Company -----	5,177.50
Mergenthaler Linotype Company -----	3,400.00
Cleveland Folding Machine Company --	2,520.00
Durling Electric Company -----	808.19

Total ..... \$35,095.48

This total is nearly \$7,000.00 less than the \$42,000 allowed.

On the shoe shop equipment we have found that we will not need more than \$2,000.00 to purchase new machines and supplies, and that, therefore, there will be a balance of \$4,000.00 in the item which can be applied to remodeling "G" Dormitory. Of this \$2,000.00, we will only need to expend \$1,500.00 now on various small items.

On the automobile tag shop and equipment we have given a contract to the Hamilton R. Marsh Company to completely furnish the

shop for \$35,125.00. This will leave \$16,875.00 out of the appropriation of \$52,000 for this purpose with which we can purchase supplies.

To re-capitulate: We have awarded contracts to be paid from the issue of August 15, 1922 of \$105,375.48, as follows:

Remodeling "G" Dormitory -----	\$ 33,655.00
Printing presses and equipment -----	35,095.48
Shoe shop equipment -----	1,500.00
Automobile sign and tag plant -----	35,125.00
	<u>\$105,375.48</u>

We request your approval of these contracts, and the consequent adjustment of the appropriations.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Ogle Marbury,

Chairman.

The Board directed the Secretary to advise the Chairman of the Board of Prison Control that it approved the making of the contracts and the plans set forth in the above letter.

The Board considered several communications in reference to the Western Hay Scales on Frederick Avenue, Extended. The Secretary was directed to ask the Attorney General to investigate the situation with respect to all of the State Hay Scales in Baltimore City, and to report to the Board.

The Board considered the report of the State Auditor on the accounts of the Maryland Racing Commission, and ordered the same to be filed.

The Board considered the communication from the National Surety Company with reference to burglary insurance for State securities in safe deposit boxes. It was determined to take no action on this subject at the present time.

The Secretary submitted vouchers requesting the following payments out of appropriations contained in Chapter 727 of the Acts of 1920.

University of Maryland -----	\$ 5,886.19
Board of Prison Control -----	1,950.58
Board of Prison Control -----	3,475.50
Springfield State Hospital -----	4,606.66
University of Maryland -----	4,208.76
Md. Industrial Training School for Girls -----	960.00

The action of the Secretary in issuing the checks of the Board of Public Works in payment of the above amounts was approved.

The Secretary submitted vouchers requesting the following payments out of the appropriation contained in Chapter 464 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1922.

St. John's College -----	20,000.00
University of Maryland (Nurses Home) -----	15,000.00
University of Maryland (Refrigerating Plant) -	10,000.00
University of Maryland (Gym. and Armory) -----	3,441.00
Spring Grove State Hospital (floor & laundry)-	1,197.97
Spring Grove State Hospital (same) -----	168.30
Maryland State School for the Deaf -----	21,360.36

The action of the Secretary in issuing the checks of the Board of Public Works in payment of the above amounts was approved.

The Board approved the payment of the following bills by the Secretary.

August 10, 1922:

Meyer and Thalheimer (printing 1922 edition of  
election laws) ----- 714.59

August 14, 1922:

McComas, Kroh, Insley Co. (insurance premiums on  
fire insurance policies #155777 and 87091) --- 360.00  
Charles H. Reed (insurance premium on fire in-  
surance policy #1424107) ----- 200.00

August 15, 1922:

C. & P. Telephone Company (telephone service  
for Baltimore office) ----- 22.47

August 16, 1922:

E. J. Richardson & Sons (fire insurance policy  
premium at Rosewood State Training School) ---2,720.06

August 18, 1922:

Board of Public Works (September rent) ----- 231.25  
State Auditor (September rent) ----- 105.82  
Bank Commissioner (September rent) ----- 169.58  
Board of State Aid and Charities (September rent) 105.82  
Advisory Board of Parole (September rent) ----- 90.00  
State Plumbing Board (September rent) ----- 50.00  
Central Purchasing Bureau (September rent) ----- 257.08  
State Board of Health (September rent) ----- 125.00  
State Employment Commissioner (September rent) -- 86.04

August 19, 1922:

Union Trust Company (telephone service Pl. 2680)- 25.30

September 1, 1922:

Twentieth Century Printing Co. (balance due for  
printing 1922 edition of Md. Manual) ----- 628.55  
Merchants & Manufacturers Insurance Agency  
(premium on Policy #704872-Fifth Regiment  
armory) ----- 400.00  
Albert C. Ritchie, Governor (balance account  
State Office Supplies) -----3,344.10

September 8, 1922:

Baldwin and Frick (premium on policy #231705) --- 14.00

September 13, 1922:

Riggs, Rossmann and Hunter (premium on policy  
#767550) ----- 350.00  
Henry M. Warfield (premium on policy #704032) --- 240.00  
Maurice J. Clark (premium on policy #411) ----- 157.50

September 14, 1922:

Boyd A. Reinhart (premiums on insurance pol-  
icies #4889 and 561353) ----- 157.00  
John M. Dennis, Treasurer (balance in Insur-  
ance appropriation to B. P. W.) ----- 326.51  
Raymond M. Lauer (extra typewriting) ----- 50.00  
Albert C. Ritchie, Governor (balance of ac-  
count water for public buildings) -----2,372.68

September 16, 1922:

Twentieth Century Printing Co. (additional  
work on 1922 edition of Maryland Manual) ----- 31.00

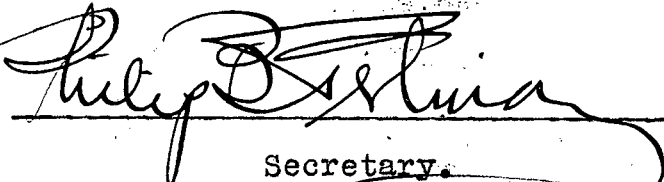
September 18, 1922:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor, (entire balance  
of Contingent Fund) ----- 270.80

September 20, 1922:

Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. (Six months rent of  
safe No. 1379) ----- 25.00

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.